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SUBJ: SYG WALDHEIM'S PRESS CONFERENCE, JUNE 25:

NUCLEAR TESTS

REF: USUN 2167(NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: FOLLOWING IS QUESTION PUT TO SYG
WALDHEIM ON NUCLEAR TESTS AT HIS JUNE 25 PRESS CONFERENCE,
WITH HIS REPLY:

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QTE: QUESTION: THREE OF THE COMBATANT COUNTRIES YOU HAVE JUST

VISITED IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE BEEN PROMISED NUCLEAR REACTORS AND FUEL, DESPITE THEIR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE GREATEST SUPPLIES OF FUEL IN THE FORM OF OIL IN THE WORLD. IRAN, NEARBY, SPEAKS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND FRANCE, INDIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE ALL EXPLODED NUCLEAR DEVICES DURING THESE LAST WEEKS. IS THAT NOT A FRIGHTENING SCENE, AND DO YOU PROPOSE TO APPEAL FOR A STOP TO THIS NEW NUCLEAR RACE BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND?

QTE: THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: CERTAINLY, THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. AS YOU KNOW, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS OVER THE LAST YEARS ADOPTED A NUMBER OF RESOLUTIONS ON NUCLEAR-WEAPONS TESTS. AS RECENTLY AS DECEMBER LAST, THE ASSEMBLY CONDEMNED ONCE AGAIN AND WITH THE UTMOST VIGOUR ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPONS TESTS. AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THAT IS OF COURSE ALSO MY OPINION AND MY POSITION. YOU HAVE REFERRED TO RECENT NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. THOSE EVENTS SHOULD, I BELIEVE, MAKE US RENEW OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT FOR THE BANNING OF ALL SUCH TESTING IN THE INTERESTS OF HUMAN SURVIVAL AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. END QTE. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, PAKISTANI PERMREP AKHUND COMPLAINED TO A WALDHEIM AIDE THAT AN EARLIER STATEMENT SYG MADE ON THE INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION WAS TOO MILD. PAKS WILL HARDLY SEE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THIS ONE, ALTHOUGH EVEN IF WALDHEIM HAD WANTED TO MOVE FARTHER TOWARD SPECIFICALLY CENSURING INDIA-- AND IT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY HE DID--THE WAY THE QUESTION WAS FRAMED DID NOT FACILITATE IT. END CONFIDENTIAL
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